

Remarks

1. Summary of Office Action

In the Office Action mailed September 3, 2008, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 6-22, 25, 30-46, and 49-63 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,341,316 (Kloba) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,343,318 (Hawkins) and U.S. Patent No. 5,987,513 (Prithviah).

2. Hawkins is Excluded as Prior Art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c)

The instant application and Hawkins were, at the time the invention of the instant application was made, commonly owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, 3Com Corporation. Hence, Hawkins is excluded as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c).

Applicant does not concede any specific assertions made by the Examiner regarding claims 1, 6-22, 25, 30-46, or 49-63.

3. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner wish to discuss this case with the undersigned, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (312) 913-3353.

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